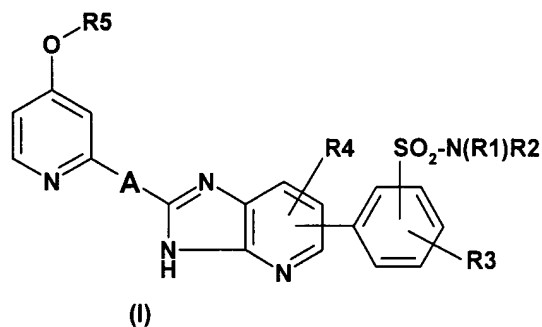


Appendix A

Claim Amendments

1. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds A~~ A compound of formula I



in which

R1 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl,

R2 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[:]]

or in which

R1 is 3-7C-cycloalkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, pyridyl, or R11- and/or R12-substituted phenyl, in which

R11 is 1-4C-alkyl, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, or mono- or di-1-4C-alkylamino,

R12 is 1-4C-alkyl or halogen,

R2 is hydrogen, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or in which

R1 and R2 together and with inclusion of the nitrogen atom, to which they are bonded, form a heterocyclic ring Het, in which

Het is a fully saturated or partially unsaturated mono- or fused bicyclic ring or ring system made up of a first constituent being a 3- to 7-membered monocyclic fully saturated non-aromatic heterocyclic ring B,

Which heterocyclic ring B comprises one to three heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur,

and which heterocyclic ring B is optionally substituted by one or two oxo groups,

and, optionally, fused to said first constituent,

a second constituent being a benzene ring,

and which ring Het is optionally substituted by R21 on a ring carbon atom,

and/or which ring Het is optionally substituted by R22 on a further ring carbon atom,

and/or which ring Het is optionally substituted by an

ethylenedioxy group,

and/or which ring Het is optionally substituted by R23

on a ring nitrogen atom,

in which

R21 is 1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy or phenylcarbonyl,

R22 is 1-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkoxy,

R23 is 1-4C-alkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkylcarbonyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, mono- or di-1-4C-alkylamino-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, pyrimidyl, pyridyl, formyl, 3-7C-cycloalkyl, 3-7C-cycloalkylmethyl, or R231- and/or R232-substituted phenyl, in which

R231 is halogen, cyano or 1-4C-alkyl,

R232 is halogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, **[[;]]**

and in which

R4 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkoxy,

R5 is 1-4C-alkyl,

A is 1-4C-alkylene, **[[;]]**

~~the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides of these~~
~~compounds~~ or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide
thereof.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of formula I
 according to claim 1,

in which

R1 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl,

R2 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or
 predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or in which

R1 is 3-7C-cycloalkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, hydroxy-2-4C-
 alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, pyridyl, or R11-
 and/or R12-substituted phenyl, in which

R11 is 1-4C-alkyl, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, or di-1-4C-
 alkylamino,

R12 is 1-4C-alkyl or halogen,

R2 is hydrogen, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl
 or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or
 completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-
 alkoxy, [[;]]

or in which

R1 and R2 together and with inclusion of the nitrogen atom,

to which they are bonded, form a heterocyclic ring Het,

in which

Het is a fully saturated or partially unsaturated mono- or fused bicyclic ring or ring system made up of a first constituent being a 3- to 7-membered monocyclic fully saturated non-aromatic heterocyclic ring B,

which heterocyclic ring B is piperazine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, homopiperazine, piperidine, pyrrolidine or azetidine,

and which heterocyclic ring B is optionally substituted by one or two oxo groups,

and, optionally, fused to said first constituent,

a second constituent being a benzene ring,

and which ring Het is optionally substituted by R21 on a ring carbon atom,

and/or which ring Het is optionally substituted by R22 on a further ring carbon atom,

and/or which ring Het is optionally substituted by an ethylenedioxy group,

and/or which ring Het is optionally substituted by R23 on a ring nitrogen atom,

in which

R21 is 1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy or phenylcarbonyl,

R22 is 1-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkoxy,

R23 is 1-4C-alkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkylcarbonyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, or R231- and/or R232-substituted phenyl, in which

R231 is halogen, cyano or 1-4C-alkyl,

R232 is halogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

and in which

R4 is hydrogen, or 1-4C-alkyl,

R5 is methyl,

A is ethylene, [[;]]

~~the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides of these compounds~~ or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide thereof.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of formula I according to claim 1,

in which

R1 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl,

R2 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or in which

R1 is 3-7C-cycloalkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, pyridyl, or R11- and/or R12-substituted phenyl, in which

R11 is 1-4C-alkyl, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, or di-1-4C-alkylamino,

R12 is 1-4C-alkyl or halogen,

R2 is hydrogen, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or in which

R1 and R2 together and with inclusion of the nitrogen atom, to which they are bonded, form a heterocyclic ring Het, in which

Het is piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, [[or]] azetidiny, [[or]] morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, S-oxo-thiomorpholinyl, [[or]] S,S-dioxo-thiomorpholinyl, [[or]] 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, [[or]] di-(1-4C-alkoxy)-

1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoliny1, [[or]] piperidinyl
substituted by either ethylenedioxy or R21, [[or]] 4N-
(R23)-piperazinyl, [[or]] 4N-(R23)-homopiperazinyl,
[[or]] 4N-(H)-1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl or 4N-(R23)-1,4-
diazepan-5-one-1-yl,

in which

R21 is 1-4C-alkyl, or phenylcarbonyl,

R23 is 1-4C-alkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkylcarbonyl, 1-
4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, or R231- and/or R232-
substituted phenyl, in which

R231 is halogen, cyano or 1-4C-alkyl,

R232 is halogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or
completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-
alkoxy, [[;]]

and in which

R4 is hydrogen, or 1-4C-alkyl,

R5 is methyl,

A is ethylene, [[;]]

~~the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides of these~~
~~compounds~~ or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide
thereof.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of formula I according to claim 1,

in which

R1 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl,

R2 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or in which

R1 is 3-7C-cycloalkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, pyridyl, or R11- and/or R12-substituted phenyl, in which

either

R11 is 1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy, or di-1-4C-alkylamino, and

R12 is halogen,

or

R11 is halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, or di-1-4C-alkylamino, and

R12 is 1-4C-alkyl,

R2 is hydrogen, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, [[;]]

or in which

R1 and R2 together and with inclusion of the nitrogen atom,
to which they are bonded, form a heterocyclic ring Het,
in which

Het is piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, [[or]] azetidiny, [[or]]
morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, S-oxo-thiomorpholinyl,
[[or]] S,S-dioxo-thiomorpholinyl, [[or]] 1,2,3,4-
tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, [[or]] di-(1-4C-alkoxy)-
1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, [[or]] piperidinyl
substituted by either ethylenedioxy or R21, [[or]] 4N-
(R23)-piperazinyl, [[or]] 4N-(1-4C-alkyl)-
homopiperazinyl, [[or]] 4N-(H)-1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl,
4N-(phenyl-1-4C-alkyl)-1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl or 4N-
(1-4C-alkyl)-1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl,

in which

R21 is 1-4C-alkyl, or phenylcarbonyl,

R23 is 1-4C-alkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkylcarbonyl, 1-
4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, or R231- and/or R232-
substituted phenyl, in which

R231 is halogen, cyano or 1-4C-alkyl,

R232 is halogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or
completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-
alkoxy, [[;]]

and in which

R4 is hydrogen, or 1-4C-alkyl,

R5 is methyl,

A is ethylene, [[;]]

~~the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides of these~~
~~compounds~~ or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide
thereof.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of formula I
according to claim 1,

in which

R1 is methyl,

R2 is methyl, and

R3 is methyl, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoromethoxy, [[;]]

or in which

R1 is cyclohexyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopropyl, benzyl, 2-
hydroxy-ethyl, 2-methoxy-ethyl, phenyl, pyridyl, or R11-
and/or R12-substituted phenyl, in which

either

R11 is methyl, methoxy, or dimethylamino, and

R12 is fluorine,

or

R11 is fluorine, chlorine, methoxy, or dimethylamino, and

R12 is methyl,

R2 is hydrogen, 2-hydroxy-ethyl, 2-methoxy-ethyl, or methyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, [[;]]

or in which

R1 and R2 together and with inclusion of the nitrogen atom, to which they are bonded, form a heterocyclic ring Het, in which

Het is piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, [[or]] azetidiny, or morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, S-oxo-thiomorpholinyl, [[or]] S,S-dioxo-thiomorpholinyl, [[or]] 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, di-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, [[or]] di-ethoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, [[or]] 4,4-ethylenedioxy-piperidinyl, [[or]] 4-(R21)-piperidinyl, [[or]] 4N-(R23)-piperazinyl, [[or]] 4N-methyl-homopiperazinyl, [[or]] 4N-(H)-1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl, 4N-benzyl-1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl, 4N-methyl-1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl, or 4N-ethyl-1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl,

in which

R21 is methyl, or phenylcarbonyl,

R23 is methyl, ethyl, benzyl, phenethyl, acetyl, 2-methoxy-ethyl, phenyl, or R231- and/or R232-substituted phenyl, in which

either

R231 is chlorine, cyano or methyl, and

R232 is chlorine,

or

R231 is chlorine, cyano or methyl, and

R232 is methyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoromethoxy, [[:]]

and in which

R4 is hydrogen, or methyl,

R5 is methyl,

A is ethylene, [[:]]

~~the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides of these compounds~~ or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide thereof.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of formula I according to claim 1, in which

R1 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl,

R2 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or

R1 is 3-7C-cycloalkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, pyridyl, or R11- and/or R12-substituted phenyl, in which

R11 is 1-4C-alkyl, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, or mono- or di-1-4C-alkylamino,

R12 is 1-4C-alkyl or halogen,

R2 is hydrogen, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or

R1 and R2 together and with inclusion of the nitrogen atom, to which they are bonded, form a heterocyclic ring Het, in which

Het is a 3- to 10-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic ring comprising totally 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from [[a]] the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, and optionally substituted by R21

on a ring carbon atom and/or by R22 on a further ring carbon atom and/or by R23 on a ring nitrogen atom, in which

R21 is 1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy or phenylcarbonyl,

R22 is 1-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkoxy,

R23 is 1-4C-alkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkylcarbonyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, mono- or di-1-4C-alkylamino-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, pyrimidyl, pyridyl, formyl, 3-7C-cycloalkyl, 3-7C-cycloalkylmethyl, or R231- and/or R232-substituted phenyl, in which

R231 is halogen, cyano or 1-4C-alkyl,

R232 is halogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

R4 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkoxy,

R5 is 1-4C-alkyl,

A is 1-4C-alkylene, [[;]]

~~the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides of these compounds~~ or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide thereof.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of formula I according to claim 1,

in which

R1 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl,

R2 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or

R1 is 3-7C-cycloalkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, pyridyl, or R11- and/or R12-substituted phenyl, in which

either

R11 is 1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy, or mono- or di-1-4C-alkylamino, and

R12 is halogen,

or

R11 is halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, or mono- or di-1-4C-alkylamino, and

R12 is 1-4C-alkyl,

R2 is hydrogen, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[;]]

or

R1 and R2 together and with inclusion of the nitrogen atom, to which they are bonded, form a heterocyclic ring Het, in which

Het is optionally substituted by R21 on a ring carbon atom and/or by R22 on a further ring carbon atom and/or by R23 on a ring nitrogen atom and is azetidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, piperazin-1-yl, thiomorpholin-4-yl, homopiperidin-1-yl, homopiperazin-1-yl, indolin-1-yl, isoindolin-1-yl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-2-yl, piperidin-1-yl, morpholin-4-yl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl, 1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl, or 1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl, in which

R21 is 1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy or phenylcarbonyl,

R22 is 1-4C-alkoxy,

R23 is 1-4C-alkyl, phenyl-1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkylcarbonyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-2-4C-alkyl, phenyl, or R231- and/or R232-substituted phenyl, in which

R231 is halogen, cyano or 1-4C-alkyl,

R232 is halogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkoxy, 1-4C-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or completely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, [[:]]

R4 is hydrogen,

R5 is methyl,

A is ethylene, [[;]]

~~the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides of these~~
compounds or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide
thereof.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of formula I
 according to claim 1,

in which

R1 is methyl,

R2 is methyl, and

R3 is methyl, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, [[;]]

or

R1 is cyclohexyl, benzyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, phenyl, pyridyl,
 or R11- and/or R12-substituted phenyl, in which

either

R11 is methyl, methoxy or dimethylamino, and

R12 is chlorine or fluorine,

or

R11 is chlorine, fluorine, methoxy or dimethylamino, and

R12 is methyl,

R2 is hydrogen or methyl,

or R1 and R2 are both 2-hydroxyethyl, and

R3 is hydrogen, [[;]]

or

R1 and R2 together and with inclusion of the nitrogen atom,
to which they are bonded, form a heterocyclic ring Het,
in which

Het is piperidin-1-yl, or piperidin-1-yl substituted by

R21, in which

R21 is methyl or phenylcarbonyl,

or

Het is 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-2-yl substituted by

R21 and R22, in which

R21 is methoxy,

R22 is methoxy,

or

Het is piperazin-1-yl substituted by R23 on 4-N, in which

R23 is methyl, ethyl, benzyl, phenethyl, acetyl, 2-
methoxyethyl, phenyl, or R231- and/or R232-substituted
phenyl, in which

R231 is chlorine, cyano or methyl,

R232 is chlorine or methyl,

or

Het is 1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl, or 1,4-diazepan-5-one-1-yl substituted by R23 on 4-N, in which

R23 is methyl, ethyl or benzyl,

or

Het is homopiperazin-1-yl substituted by R23 on 4-N, in which

R23 is methyl,

or

Het is morpholin-4-yl, azetidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, or 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl, and

R3 is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, [[;]]

R4 is hydrogen,

R5 is methyl,

A is ethylene, [[;]]

~~the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides of these compounds~~ or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide thereof.

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The compound of formula I according to claim 1 which is selected from the group consisting of

1. 2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-6-[4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
2. 2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-6-[4-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
3. 2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-6-[4-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
4. 2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-6-{4-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
5. 2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-6-[4-(4-p-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
6. 6-{4-[4-(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
7. 6-{4-[4-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine

8. 6-{4-[4-(2-Methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
9. 6-[4-(4-Acetyl-piperazin-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
10. 2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-6-[4-(morpholin-4-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
11. 2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-6-[4-(4-methyl-[1,4]diazepan-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
12. 2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-6-[4-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
13. 6-[4-(4-Benzoyl-piperidin-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
14. 6-[4-(1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
15. 6-[4-(6,7-Dimethoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-2-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine

16. 6-[4-(1,4-Diazepan-5-one-1-yl-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-
2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-
b]pyridine
17. N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxypyridin-2-
yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridin-6-
yl}benzenesulfonamid
18. N,N-Bis-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxypyridin-2-
yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridin-6-
yl}benzenesulfonamid
19. N-Benzyl-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-
imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}benzenesulfonamid
20. N-Cyclohexyl-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-
imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}benzenesulfonamid
21. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-
b]pyridin-6-yl}-N,N-dimethyl-2-trifluormethoxy-
benzenesulfonamide
22. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-
b]pyridin-6-yl}-N,N-dimethyl-2-trifluormethyl-
benzenesulfonamide
23. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-
b]pyridin-6-yl}-N,N-dimethyl-3-methyl-
benzenesulfonamide

24. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-phenyl-benzenesulfonamide
25. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-p-tolyl-benzenesulfonamide
26. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-benzenesulfonamide
27. N-(4-Dimethylamino-phenyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonamid
28. N-(4-Chlorphenyl)-N-methyl-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}benzenesulfonamid
29. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[4-(4-phenethyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
30. 6-[4-(4-Ethyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
31. 6-{4-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazine-1-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
32. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[4-(4-o-tolyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
33. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[3-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine

34. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[4-(piperidine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
35. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-phenyl-benzenesulfonamide
36. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
37. 6,7-Diethoxy-2-(4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline
38. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
39. 6-[3-Fluoro-4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
40. 6-[3-Chloro-4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
41. 6-[2-Fluoro-4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine

42. 4-Benzyl-1-(4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonyl)-[1,4]diazepan-5-one
43. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-methyl-N-phenyl-benzenesulfonamide
44. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[2-methyl-4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
45. 1-(4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonyl)-4-methyl-[1,4]diazepan-5-one
46. 4-Ethyl-1-(4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonyl)-[1,4]diazepan-5-one
47. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-o-tolyl-benzenesulfonamide
48. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-methyl-N-pyridin-4-yl-benzenesulfonamide
49. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-methyl-N-p-tolyl-benzenesulfonamide

50. N-(4-Dimethylamino-phenyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide
51. N-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonamide
52. N-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonamide
53. N-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide
54. 4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-N-methyl-N-o-tolyl-benzenesulfonamide
55. N-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonamide
56. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[4-(pyrrolidine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
57. 6-[4-(Azetidine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
58. N,N-Bis-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonamide

59. N-Cyclobutyl-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzene-sulfonamide
60. N-Cyclopropyl-4-{2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzene-sulfonamide
61. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-7-methyl-6-[4-(pyrrolidine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
62. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-7-methyl-6-[4-(piperidine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
63. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-7-methyl-6-[4-(morpholine-4-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
64. 6-[4-(Azetidine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-7-methyl-3H-imidazo-[4,5-b]pyridine
65. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[4-(thiomorpholine-4-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine
66. 2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-6-[4-(1-oxo-11(4)-thiomorpholine-4-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine

67. 6-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-11(6)-thiomorpholine-4-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-2-[2-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine **[[and]]**

68. 2-(4-{2-[2-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl}-benzenesulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline,

and the salts, N-oxides and the salts of the N-oxides thereof or a salt, N-oxide or salt of a N-oxide thereof.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) ~~Pharmaceutical compositions~~ A pharmaceutical composition containing one or more compounds of formula I according to claim 1, or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide thereof, together with ~~the usual pharmaceutical auxiliaries and/or excipients~~ a pharmaceutically suitable auxiliary and/or excipient.

12.- 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A method for treating an acute inflammatory disease ~~diseases~~ in a patient comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective

amount of a compound of formula I according to claim 1, or a salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide thereof.

15. (Currently amended) A method for treating a chronic inflammatory disease ~~diseases~~ of peripheral organs and the central nervous system (CNS) in a patient comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, N-oxide or a salt of an N-oxide thereof.